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Our Docket: 66765-076
(P-UW 3570)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of) Group Art Unit: 1644
Osborne and Ramesh) Examiner: G. Ewoldt
) Conf. No.: 9582
Serial No: 09/323,738)
Filed: June 1, 1999)
For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS)
FOR TREATING DIABETES)

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

This is a request for continued examination of the
above-identified application. 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

At least one of the following submissions is being
filed herewith:

- Amendment or Response
 Declaration or Affidavit
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§ 1.136(a)(3) for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the finality of the outstanding office action, and consideration of the submission and entry of the amendments. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney or Cathryn Campbell with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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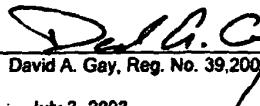
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2002,
and subsequent Advisory Action mailed December 30, 2002, entry of
the following Amendments and Remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

17. (Amended) A method of treating diabetes or forestalling a clinical symptom indicative of diabetes comprising implanting into an individual cells coexpressing an insulin precursor containing an insulin precursor cleavage site and a glucose-regulated protease capable of cleaving said insulin precursor cleavage site to produce insulin.